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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kingswells Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Practitioners in the nursery who are caring and respectful in their interactions with children. They have established very positive relationships with parents and encourage them to be active participants within the nursery.
- The confident and articulate children in Kingswells Primary School, who are leaders of their own learning.
- The highly effective leadership of senior leaders and staff at all levels has established a caring and nurturing environment for children. As a result, children attain and achieve very well.
- Teachers engage with high-quality professional learning and work very well together to provide engaging and motivating learning experiences for children.
- Staff create a stimulating and rich learning environment both indoors and outside, enabling children in P1 to P3 to learn very effectively through play. Children's engagement in learning is very high.
- The effective approaches to supporting wellbeing and inclusion, including staff's responsive use of wellbeing data. This is leading to very good outcomes for children in the school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Aberdeen City Council.

- Review and improve current approaches to learning, teaching and assessment in the nursery to ensure children access consistently high-quality learning experiences. In doing so, develop robust approaches to quality assurance to help identify what is going well and what needs to improve.
- Senior leaders should revisit the Kingswells Primary School skills framework, as planned, and strengthen approaches to developing the young workforce, including partnership working.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Kingswells Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

### What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Aberdeen City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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